

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

Oy Ajat, Ltd.	:	
	:	Civil Action No. 10-4875 (PGS)
Plaintiff,	:	
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v.	:	
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Vatech America, Inc, et al.	:	<u>PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER</u>
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Defendants,	:	
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THIS MATTER having come before the Court for a scheduling conference pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 on **March 31, 2011**; and for good cause shown,

IT IS on this 12th day of April, 2011,

ORDERED THAT:

I. DISCOVERY AND MOTION PRACTICE

1. **Fact Discovery Deadline.** Fact discovery is to remain open through **January 27, 2012**. All fact witness depositions must be completed by the close of fact discovery. No discovery is to be issued or engaged in beyond that date, except upon application and for good cause shown.
2. **Motions to Add New Parties.** Any motion to add new parties, whether by amended or third-party complaint, must be returnable no later than **July 8, 2011**.
3. **Motions to Amend Pleadings.** Any motion to amend pleadings must be returnable no later than **July 8, 2011**.
4. **Rule 26 Disclosures.** The parties shall exchange disclosures as required pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 no later than **March 11, 2011**.
5. **Interrogatories.** The parties may serve interrogatories limited to **twenty-five (25)** single questions, including subparts and requests for production of documents, on or before **April 29, 2011**, which shall be responded to by **May 27, 2011**.
6. **Requests for Admissions.** Each party is permitted **thirty (30)** requests for admissions.

7. **Depositions.** The number of depositions to be taken by each side shall not exceed **ten (10)**. No objections to questions posed at depositions shall be made other than as to lack of foundation, form, or privilege. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 32(d)(3)(A).
8. **Electronic Discovery.** The parties are directed to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f), as amended December 1, 2006, which, among other things, addresses preservation of discoverable information, discovery of electronically stored information, and claims of privilege or work product protection. The parties are also directed to L. Civ. R. 26.1(d) which, among other things, describes the obligations of counsel with regard to their clients' information management systems.
9. **Discovery Disputes.** No discovery motion or motion for sanctions for failure to provide discovery shall be made without prior leave of Court. Counsel shall confer in good faith and attempt to informally resolve any discovery disputes before seeking the Court's intervention. Should the parties good faith efforts to resolve the disputes fail, the discovery disputes shall be brought to the court's attention in the first instance by way of an electronically filed **JOINT LETTER**. The Joint Letter must set forth the nature of the disputes and provide each parties position regarding the disputes. Discovery disputes shall be brought to the court's attention no later that **thirty (30)** days prior to the close of discovery.
10. **Motion Practice.** No motions are to be filed without prior written permission from this Court. All dispositive motions must first be the subject of a dispositive motion pre-hearing. These pre-requisites must be met before any motions are filed and the motions will be returned if not met. All calendar or dispositive motions, if permitted, shall comply with L. Civ. R. 7.1(b), Appendix N, and L. Civ. R. 78.1.

II. EXPERTS

11. **Affirmative Expert Reports.** All affirmative expert reports shall be delivered **twenty-five days (25) after the claim construction ruling**, with depositions of those experts to be taken and completed **within twenty (20) days of receipt of report**.
12. **Rebuttal Expert Reports.** All responding expert reports shall be delivered **thirty (30) days after opening reports**, with depositions of those experts to be taken and completed **within twenty (20) days of receipt of report**.
13. **Form and Content of Expert Reports.** All expert reports must comport with the form and content requirements set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B). No expert shall testify at trial as to any opinions or base those opinions on facts not substantially disclosed in the expert's report.

III. PATENT-RELATED TASKS

14. **Infringement Contentions.** The Plaintiff shall identify the patent claims and the infringement contentions no later than **May 23, 2011.**
15. **Invalidity Contentions.** The Defendant shall provide its invalidity contentions no later than **July 20, 2011.**
16. **Claim Construction Identification.** The parties shall identify the claims that they believe need to be construed no later than **August 5, 2011.**
17. **Preliminary Claim Construction.** The parties shall exchange preliminary claim constructions no later than **August 26, 2011.**
18. **Joint Claim Construction.** The parties shall exchange joint claim constructions no later than **September 26, 2011.**
19. **Opening Markman Briefs.** The opening Markman briefs shall be submitted no later than **November 10, 2011.**
20. **Expert Discovery Deadline.** Expert discovery related to claim constructions is to remain open through **December 16, 2011.**
21. **Responsive Markman Briefs.** The responsive Markman briefs shall be submitted no later than **January 10, 2012.**
22. **Patent Rule 4.6.** The parties shall submit a joint letter setting forth the information required by Patent Rule 4.6, including the estimated length of the Markman hearing and the names of the witnesses (if any) no later than **January 15, 2012.**
23. **Discovery Confidentiality Order.** The parties shall submit a proposed discovery confidentiality order and certification as required by L. Civ. R. 5.3 no later than

IV. FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

24. **Final Pretrial Conference.** A final pretrial conference shall be conducted pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(d) **on a date to be set.** The Final Pretrial Conference will occur even if there are dispositive motions pending. The Court will adjourn the Final Pretrial Conference only if the requesting party makes a compelling showing that manifest injustice would otherwise result absent adjournment.

25. **Trial Exhibits.** Not later than **twenty (20) working days** before the final pretrial conference, the parties shall exchange copies of all proposed trial exhibits. Each exhibit shall be pre-marked with an exhibit number conforming to the party's exhibit list.
26. **Meet and Confer.** All counsel are directed to assemble at the office of Plaintiff's counsel not later than **ten (10) days** before the pretrial conference to prepare the proposed Joint Final Pretrial Order in the form and content required by the Court. Plaintiff's counsel shall prepare the Joint Pretrial Order and shall submit it to all other counsel for approval and execution.
27. **Non-Jury Trials.** With respect to non-jury trials, each party shall submit to the District Judge and to opposing counsel proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, trial briefs and any hypothetical questions to be put to an expert witness on direct examination.
28. **Joint Proposed Final Pretrial Order.** The original joint proposed final pretrial order shall be delivered to the chambers of the undersigned no later than **ten (10) days** prior to the final pretrial conference.
29. **Settlement Discussions.** The Court expects to engage in meaningful settlement discussions at the final pretrial conference. Therefore, trial counsel who actually has full settlement authority must attend the conference and clients or other persons with full settlement authority must be available by telephone.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

30. **Future Conferences.** The Court may from time to time schedule conferences as may be required, either *sua sponte* or at the request of a party.
31. **Extensions and Adjournments.** All requests for adjournments of court dates or other deadlines, whether established in this Pretrial Scheduling Order or any subsequent orders of the Court, shall be submitted to the Court in writing via facsimile [(973) 645-2469]. Said written request must include the following information: (a) the reason for the request, (b) whether or not all parties consent to the request, (c) the number of prior requests, and (d) the amount of additional time sought. Since all dates set forth herein are established with the assistance and knowledge of counsel, there will be no extensions except for good cause shown and by leave of Court – even with consent of all counsel.
32. **Service of Correspondence.** A copy of every pleading, document or written communication with the Court shall be served on all other parties to the action, unless otherwise directed by the Court. Any such communication which does not recite or contain a certification of such service may be disregarded by the Court.
33. **Facsimiles.** As a courtesy to the parties, the undersigned accepts the following by

facsimile [(973) 645-2469]: (a) confidential status letters, (b) joint discovery plans, © *pro hac vice* applications, (d) proposed orders, and (e) any other document that is five (5) pages or less. The parties can request telephonic permission from any member of the undersigned's staff to submit any other documents via facsimile.

34. **Pro Hac Vice Applications.** The undersigned accepts informal applications to admit counsel *pro hac vice*. The informal application must include: (a) an affidavit of local counsel, (b) an affidavit of counsel seeking admission *pro hac vice*, and © a proposed form of order. The undersigned encourages all parties to consult L. Civ. R. 101.1 ©, and the related commentary in Lite, *N.J. Federal Practice Rules* (Gann 2007), for information about the form and content of the aforementioned affidavits and proposed form of order.
35. **Protective Orders.** Any proposed confidentiality order agreed to by the parties must strictly comply with Fed.R.Civ.P. 26© and Local Civil Rule 5.3. *See also Pansy v. Borough of Stroudsburg*, 23 F.3d 772 (3d Cir. 1994); *Glenmede Trust Company v. Thompson*, 56 F.3d 476 (3d Cir. 1995). Any such form of order must be accompanied by an affidavit or attorney certification filed electronically under the designation "affidavit/certification in support of discovery confidentiality order." The affidavit or attorney certification shall describe (a) the nature of the materials to be kept confidential, (b) the legitimate private or public interests which warrant confidentiality and © the clearly defined and serious injury that would result should the order not be entered. Any such order must be clearly designated "**Discovery Confidentiality Order.**" *See* Local Civil Rule 5.3.
36. **Audio/Visual Equipment.** The Court has various audio/visual and automated evidence presentation equipment available to the Bar for use at no cost. This equipment includes an evidence presentation system, which consists of a document camera and a projector. The projector may be used to display images which originate from a variety of sources, including television, VCR, and personal computer. The document camera may be used to display documents, photographs, charts, transparencies, and small objects. For further information, please contact Philip Selecky, the undersigned's Courtroom Deputy.
37. **Telephone Status Conference.** There will be a telephone status conference before the undersigned on **June 30, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. Plaintiff's counsel shall coordinate the conference call. One week prior to this conference**, each party must submit a confidential memorandum to the Court [via facsimile (973) 645-2469], not to exceed 5 pages, summarizing the relevant facts, the respective legal positions, status of the case, and the client's position on settlement.

38. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF THIS ORDER OR ANY
SUBSEQUENT SCHEDULING ORDERS ENTERED BY THIS COURT MAY
RESULT IN SANCTIONS.**

s/ Esther Salas

ESTHER SALAS

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE